

Mr. Charles A. H. Thomson
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President's Communications Policy Board
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thomson:

This will reply to your letter of 21 December 1960 forwarding for comment the Board's proposed Government Organization Papers report.

The proposal has been reviewed and the analysis of the problems and the solutions thereto as presented are generally concurred in. There is, however, one aspect in which this Agency believes modification is desirable. This is with reference to the statement contained in para 2, page 34 wherein the Central Intelligence Agency is mentioned specifically as an agency which should be "authorized and directed" to furnish the proposed National Telecommunications Board with "whatever information the Board requires.....".

This Agency is charged with the conduct of certain intelligence activities relating to the national defense and security which are of such nature that they are most closely held and cannot be revealed outside the Agency. For this reason it was given a general exemption from laws requiring publication or disclosure of information concerning its functions (Section 7, P.L. 110, 81st Congress) and specific responsibility was placed on the Director to protect intelligence sources and methods (Section 102d (5), National Security Act of 1947). It is felt that these exemptions and responsibilities may conflict with the wording noted above and with the present wording of Section 3d of the proposed Reorganization Plan. It is therefore suggested to avoid any such conflict, that the specific reference to the Central Intelligence Agency on page 34 be eliminated and that there be added to the said Section 3d the phrase "consistent with the requirements of national security".

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